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**From:** Niess, Claudia [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=740CBE18BC564FC690871D433F58C894-CNIESS]  
**Sent:** 6/30/2020 9:08:28 PM  
**To:** Moss, Suzanne [Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov]; Robinson, Martha [robinson.martha@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Rittenhouse, Susan [Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov]; Owens, Doug [Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov]; Beaver, Brad [brad.beaver@illinois.gov]; Schirmer, Scott [Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov]; Swenson, Thomas [Swenson.Thomas@epa.gov]; Noyes, Kari [Kari.Noyes@illinois.gov]; Schirmer, Scott [Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections

Hi Suzanne:

Region 5 is currently in Phase 1 of reopening. Only "essential travel" is allowed in Phase 1; my understanding is that travel for inspections would be included, provided the inspection was "essential." Our Section is not currently conducting inspections, though other EPA offices or Regions may be.

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Niess, Claudia <niess.claudia@epa.gov>; Robinson, Martha <robinson.martha@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Rittenhouse, Susan <Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov>; Owens, Doug <Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov>; Beaver, Brad <brad.beaver@illinois.gov>; Schirmer, Scott <Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov>; Swenson, Thomas <Swenson.Thomas@epa.gov>; Noyes, Kari <Kari.Noyes@illinois.gov>; Schirmer, Scott <Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections  
**Importance:** High

Claudia,

Thanks for sending this email about asking for a formal reduction and renegotiation in writing to our grants person Martha. Our management staff is going to meet this week and plan on getting back to you, Susan and Martha as soon as possible regarding this.

Bureau Chief Doug Owens will be on a conference call later today to find out more about what inspections our field staff will be allowed to do as we enter Phase four in the State of Illinois.

Can you tell me if USEPA is allowing their staff to go out for inspections now?

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Illinois Department of Agriculture  
Bureau of Environmental Programs

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**From:** Niess, Claudia <[niess.claudia@epa.gov](mailto:niess.claudia@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 12, 2020 10:40 AM  
**To:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>; Owens, Doug <[Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov](mailto:Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov)>; Beaver, Brad <[Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov](mailto:Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov)>; Schirmer, Scott <[Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov](mailto:Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov)>; Robinson, Martha <[robinson.martha@epa.gov](mailto:robinson.martha@epa.gov)>; Swenson, Thomas <[Swenson.Thomas@epa.gov](mailto:Swenson.Thomas@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections

Hi Suzanne:

Please send a formal request for adjustments or renegotiation to any projected commitments to your PO, Martha Robinson, with a cc to the appropriate Technical Contact(s) (me for enforcement items, Susan for program activities).

During our mid-year discussion, you indicated you may want to request adjustment of additional commitments due to the pandemic. If so, please include these additional adjustments in your message. I'm providing EPA's FAQ on grants and the COVID-19 pandemic again for ease of reference: <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/frequent-questions-about-grants-and-coronavirus-covid-19>

Thanks,

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** Niess, Claudia <[niess.claudia@epa.gov](mailto:niess.claudia@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>; Owens, Doug <[Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov](mailto:Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov)>; Beaver, Brad <[brad.beaver@illinois.gov](mailto:brad.beaver@illinois.gov)>; Schirmer, Scott <[Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov](mailto:Scott.Schirmer@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections  
**Importance:** High

Claudia... per your request the below information is what I sent in directly to Susan as our state contact on the reduction of WPS inspections for 2020.

Please let me know if you need anything else!

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:17 AM

**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Owens, Doug <[Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov](mailto:Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov)>; Jones, Kristi <[Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov)>; Noyes, Kari <[Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov)>; Beaver, Brad <[Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov](mailto:Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov)>; Niess, Claudia <[niess.claudia@epa.gov](mailto:niess.claudia@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections

Ok thanks!

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**From:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2020 2:46 PM

**To:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>

**Cc:** Owens, Doug <[Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov](mailto:Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov)>; Jones, Kristi <[Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov)>; Noyes, Kari <[Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov)>; Beaver, Brad <[Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov](mailto:Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov)>; Niess, Claudia <[niess.claudia@epa.gov](mailto:niess.claudia@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** [External] RE: FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections

Unfortunately, that is not my decision to make. That would be an enforcement decision. I forwarded your previous message to Claudia. You need to check with her.

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2020 2:17 PM

**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Owens, Doug <[Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov](mailto:Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov)>; Jones, Kristi <[Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov)>; Noyes, Kari <[Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov)>; Beaver, Brad <[brad.beaver@Illinois.gov](mailto:brad.beaver@Illinois.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections

Hi Susan...just checking in with you on the FY2020 assignments... as we are getting ready to get the requests out to field staff soon.... Can we reduce the number of WPS inspections required for IDA this year?

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne

**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2020 2:58 PM

**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Doug Owens ([Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov](mailto:Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov)) <[Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov](mailto:Doug.Owens@Illinois.gov)>; Jones, Kristi <[Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kristi.Jones@Illinois.gov)>; Noyes, Kari <[Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov](mailto:Kari.Noyes@Illinois.gov)>; Brad Beaver ([Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov](mailto:Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov)) <[Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov](mailto:Brad.Beaver@Illinois.gov)>

**Subject:** FIFRA2019 & FY2020 Projections

**Importance:** High

Hi Susan... Just wanted to let you know that for now we will stick with our one year agreement as we submitted for FY2020.

IDA would like to ask for consideration on the reduction of required WPS inspections for 2020. We are still working on the tremendous misuse case load (971) from the 2019 spray season and we will continue through the start of the 2020 spray season.

On top of the large misuse case load from 2019, we also had two inspectors retire at the end of 2019.

Can you please take a look at the attached projections and see the change we are asking for from 35 WPS for 2020 reduced to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) for 2020?

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your consideration of this change.

Have a nice weekend!

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**From:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 1:42 PM  
**To:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: FIFRA2019- Final Report

The web based template is functional. If you want to use it for FY20, you'd have to cut and paste all of the info from the template into the web based version. My suggestion is that we continue with the template for FY20 and start using it for FY21. The FY21 application will be due sometime in June. I suggest that you consider moving to a 2 or 3 year project period.

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: FIFRA2019- Final Report

Ok thanks!

Working on the rest and waiting for a few other things from Ola.

Will we be using the Work Plan template for 2020... did the computer program get up and running to test out yet?

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**From:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 12:33 PM  
**To:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: FIFRA2019- Final Report

Tough questions...

Row 4. Just leave as is, I'll make a note of it in my records and watch for next year.

Extension Report – same. I'll make a note of it in my records.

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: FIFRA2019- Final Report

Hi Susan.... Can you answer the two questions below in red? Thanks!

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**From:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 07, 2020 1:56 PM  
**To:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: FIFRA2019- Final Report

As you know, both Claudia and I are reviewing parts of the workplan. Claudia was out during the holidays and I don't know when she will be working the review, but here are my comments. I think that the best way to do it is for you to make your changes on your copy, then send it back to me.

Ola at IDPH is working on several items I sent him from your list:

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2020 4:02 PM  
**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FIFRA2019- Final Report

Ok... just got done meeting and updated the workplan...let me know what you think and if anything needs to be adjusted. I'm trying to give you more details! Thanks!

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**From:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2020 2:12 PM

**To:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>

**Subject:** [External] RE: Office hours

No, sorry. I'm off tomorrow. I'll be in on Monday – working at home.

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2020 2:11 PM

**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Office hours

We (Doug & Brad) are meeting shortly on this. Are you working tomorrow just in case we run long...?

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**From:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2020 8:29 AM  
**To:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: Office hours

I am in the office. They should say completed, as it's the end of the grant period. I'm available all day, just call.

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**From:** Moss, Suzanne <[Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov](mailto:Suzanne.Moss@Illinois.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019 1:59 PM  
**To:** Rittenhouse, Susan <[Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Rittenhouse.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Office hours

Hi Susan... Are you in the office today? Just a quick question about completing the template.... Should I leave the columns staing on-going if it is throughout the year or put completed since this is the end of the year?

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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